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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEETING OCTOBER 22 (SALT TWO-824)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING SEMENOV MADE LONG STATEMENT ON ARTICLE II (DEFINITIONS), PARTICULARLY PICKING ON "ANY DEVICE WHICH CAN BE USED FOR" IN ICBM AND SLBM DEFINITIONS AND BACKFIRE AND "HOWEVER CONFIGURED" IN HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION, AS WELL AS SUPPORTING THEIR MIRV DEFINITION. HE DID NOT MENTION EITHER PARAS SIX OR SEVEN (ONCE EQUIPPED WITH MIRVED SYSTEM, ALWAYS CONSIDERED MIRVED, AND HEAVY ICBM).

2. WITH RESPECT TO ICBM DEFINITION, BOTH IN HIS STATEMENT AND IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, HE SAID OUR ANY-DEVICE FORMULA HAD GIVEN RISE BOTH IN SOVDEL AND MOSCOW TO PERPLEXITY AND "EVEN SUSPICION." HE QUESTIONED WHAT OUR PURPOSE WAS IN USING PHRASE THAT IS OPEN TO "ARBITRARY AND SUBJECTIVE" INTERPRETATION. IN ADDITION TO MAKING SAME POINT ON SLBM DEFINITION, HE CHARACTERIZED SECOND SENTENCE OF SLBM PARAGRAPH AS "UNNECESSARY FOR THE NEW AGREEMENT" AND SAID THAT SOVIET LANGUAGE "FULLY COVERS CONTENT OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL."

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3. ON BACKFIRE, HE SAID THAT OUR POSITION WAS BASED UPON "SUBJECTIVE ASSESSMENTS" AND THAT ITS IN-AIR REFUELING CAPABILITY PROVIDED "NO GROUNDS FOR CLASSIFYING THIS AIRCRAFT AS HEAVY BOMBER." QUESTIONS THAT HAD BEEN RAISED REGARDING THE BACKFIRE "WERE CONTRIVED " AND "WERE UNFOUNDED."

4. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, HE NOTED AND ASKED REASON FOR OUR OMITTING "95" FOLLOWING TUPOLEV, POINTING OUT THAT THERE WERE MANY TYPES OF TUPOLEV AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING CIVIL. I REPLIED THAT WE DID SO BECAUSE WE WERE NOT CLEAR THAT OTHER CONFIGURATIONS OF WHAT WE TERMED BEAR WERE INCLUDED IN THEIR TERM "TUPOLEV-95," AND WE WANTED TO BE SURE THEY WERE NOT EXCLUDED IN OUR DEFINITION. IF HE WOULD CONFIRM TO ME THAT TERM "TUPOLEV-95" INCLUDED ALL AIRCRAFT OF THIS TYPE, HOWEVER CONFIGURED, I WOULD BE GLAD TO RETURN TO USE OF "TUPOLEV-95." HE DID NOT REPLY.

5. I MADE STATEMENT REVIEWING STATUS OF ARTICLE X. (I HAVE NOT YET USED AUTHORIZATION CONTAINED IN STATE 240793 ON SEABED-CRUISE MISSILE S, BUT PLAN TO DO SO AS SOON AS SUITABLE OCCASION PRESENTS ITSELF.)

6. IN HIS PRIVATE CONVERATION WITH ME, AS WELL AS AT OTHER BILATERALS , SOVS ASKED WHETHER BY "ANY DEVICE" FORMULA IN SLBM DEFINITION WE HAD IN MIND THINGS THAT COULD BE INSTALLED ON SUBMARINES OTHER THAN WHAT WE BOTH RECOGNIZED AS BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS. IN THIS REGARD, THEY PARTICULARLY NOTED THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT A 10-YEAR AGREEMENT.

7. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING.

8. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 29, AT THE SOVIET MISSION.JOHNSON

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